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made a statement on their behalf, it should be considered enough. I submit it is a very wrong suggestion to make and very wrong to be cheered about."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I am sorry the Hon. Chief Minister said, it is a very wrong suggestion to make. It may be very wrong. But there are several wrongs done, and we want to clear up the wrong things done."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have said in clear terms already. I shall give details if necessary if asked in a proper manner. I have said in clear terms that the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare, about whom the supplementary question was asked, did not go to Kakinada or any place in East Godavari in the second week of June 1952. Is that contradicted by the supplementary question? I hope not. Then, Sir, he was in that district on work appertaining to his office from 16th to 22nd May and not for election propaganda. I wish that to be accepted. I have added that, with apologies to Mr. Venkateswarlu for answering a question which was not asked. Then, Sir, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Land Revenue were in the East Godavari district for work appertaining to their office as Ministers. I want this should be accepted when it is stated by me on their behalf."

Assignment of lands in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 235 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any representation was received recently by the Government against taking away of lands from poor peasants for assigning the same to " political sufferers " in Tiruchirappalli district, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Examination shows that except for the representation received from the hon. Member himself in March 1952, no other representation has been received, but the Government have examined the matter in consultation with the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and the Board of Revenue and it is found that the action of the Collector in assigning the land in favour of the political sufferer was in order with reference to the instructions then in force as the person in previous possession was an encroacher of only one year's standing or less."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the peasant from whom the land was taken away had invested an amount to the extent of Rs. 3,000 in improving the land? Will the Government at least consider the question of compensating the peasant to this extent? " 11 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I cannot vouch for the figure that the hon. Member has

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mentioned but, I believe the peasant has spent some amount. On the question of compensating the peasant, I do not know how it can be done legally but I can assure the hon. Member that I am going into the question and shall see whether anything can be done."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" Sir, will the Government take the information that even after the latest order stopping further assignment of land to political sufferers, lands are forcibly taken possession of by certain political sufferers by evicting the occupants with the aid of the Revenue authorities? May I know what the Government are proposing to do about this?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am not aware of it, Sir. Probably the hon. Member refers to cases wherein orders have been passed under the old order of things and the political sufferer who has been assigned the land has taken recourse to the ordinary courts of law."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, what are the conditions precedent to the grant of lands to political sufferers and whether it is not one of the conditions that the land should be brought under cultivation within three years and, if in any place this condition is not fulfilled, will the Government take charge of the land and give it back to the previous owners?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, if the law allows it, I am not only willing but very eager to do it."

Sales tax on fish.

* 236 Q.—SRI C. H. KANARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state when sales tax was first levied in the West Coast on fish caught and cured in the Government fish-curing yards by fishermen?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" South Kanara district—1940–41.

Malabar (South)—April 1940.

Malabar (North)—December 1947."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, the question here is about fish caught and cured by the fishermen and not about the traders. The Hon. Minister has not dealt with the fish caught and cured by fishermen. My question has not been replied to, Sir."

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, I have given a reply to the question as I have understood it. The hon. Member's question reads as follows :—

'Will the Hon'ble the Minister be pleased to state, when sales tax was first levied in the West Coast on fish caught and cured in the Government fish-curing yards by fishermen?'

" My answer was that sales tax on fish was first levied in South Kanara district in 1940–41; in South Malabar in April 1940 and in North Malabar in December 1947."